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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 17 September 1965

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R. Jack Smith tabled an all-source memo on the [redacted]

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[redacted] He also briefed on the CIB line this morning that ChiCom military action is expected in the Sino-Indian border area as a result of the Peking ultimatum yesterday. He briefed on [redacted]

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[redacted] This latter subject led to further discussions.

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Kent reported the view that the SNIE passed yesterday by USIB remains valid and is being distributed. [redacted] sought and got DCI's agreement that current and estimative intelligence is such that there is no need for a special meeting of the Watch Committee.

Kent reported that a draft of the SNIE requested by Secretary McNamara on Vietnam has been completed. The reps will meet today. A paper should be ready tomorrow. USIB will meet Monday at 0900.

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[redacted] reported on certain aspects of NSAM [redacted] which laid on a study of alternatives to U.S. intelligence collection [redacted] An intelligence team of experts will be required to consult with Ambassador [redacted] at the Ambassador's request. This will be discussed at the SIGINT Committee today. DCI concurred with the suggestion that a Community team under CIA leadership be assembled for this task and he advised coordination and consultation with State Department.

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DDS reported that we have had to halt and revise plans for the location of a [redacted] We have been offered free land a short distance away for the construction.

Houston noted the conflict between the scheduled USIB meeting Monday and a 10:00 session with the Mahon Subcommittee to discuss budgetary aspects of our request for supplemental appropriations. (See Action 2)

Bross and DDS&T reported on the current status of NRO matters. It was noted that the current period is an awkward one. McMillan remains in charge until 1 October and neither Flax nor Reber can implement their views now. (See Action 3)

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Bross discussed next week's meeting with the PFIAB. There was agreement on the action offices to be named to prepare the agenda topics. The DCI asked for briefing materials on subjects to be covered by each of the 13 Board panels. It was noted that Clifford's letter about the agenda invited the DCI only to the Board's meetings with Agency officers. The DCI said he had discussed this with Clifford and had made a formal request that he sit in on all briefings by Government intelligence agencies. Clifford and the Board have this under consideration.

DDS&T tabled an OSI memo on the Soviet Mandrake aircraft which is their equivalent of our U-2.

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[redacted] This is based on [redacted] and at the moment is
not conclusive as to whether [redacted]

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DDS&T reported that he will have ready today, as previously requested by DCI, letters of invitation to consultants on space matters. Their clearances are being checked before sending the letters to DCI for signature.

25X1 DDS&T reported on the status of efforts to get clearance for U-2 flights to [redacted] Bundy has discussed this with Secretary Rusk and Bundy apparently intends to take it up with Higher Authority today. There was an inconclusive discussion as to [redacted]

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25X1 DDP reported that a look at the article on the CIA prepared for the Sunday edition of the London Times shows it to be a highly "ignorant" and unfavorable article. The Embassy has returned the piece with "no comment"

ACTIONS

1. At the Morning Meeting on Monday, 20 September, which will be held at 0800, DCI requested a background briefing [redacted] (DDI)

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2. OGC is requested to try to rearrange the 20 September meeting with the Mahon Subcommittee to 10:30 rather than 10:00. Appropriate view graphs and other interesting displays are to be prepared for the presentation. Budgetary figures are to be equated directly and meaningfully with our proposed programs. (OGC in collaboration with DDP and BPAM)

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3. D/DCI/NIPE is requested to discuss with Secretary Vance our view that there will be need to review jointly with him any initiatives taken by D/NRO McMillan before the latter's departure on 1 October.

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